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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE <u>3</u> MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>26 March 2003</u>.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.    2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

4)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-51 and 54</u> is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-51 and 54</u> is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11)☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a)☐ approved b)☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

    If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

13)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All  b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

        1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

        3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

    a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ .

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) ☐ Other: _____

## DETAILED ACTION

1.      This action is responsive to communications:  Amendment filed on 3/26/03.

2.      The objection to the abstract has been withdrawn as necessitated by amendment.

3.      The objection to the title has been withdrawn as necessitated by amendment.

4.       The objection to claims 1, 10-13, 17-20, 29-32, 36, and 45-48 with regard to misspelled

word(s) has been withdrawn as necessitated by amendment.

5.      The objection to claims 42 and 43 with regard to dependency of claim 42 has been

withdrawn as necessitated by amendment.

6.      The rejection of claims 52-53 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory

subject matter as been withdrawn as necessitated by amendment.

7.       The rejection of claims 1-53 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bricklin

and Kulkarni as been withdrawn in light of newly found art.

8.      Claims 52 and 53 have been cancelled and claim 54 has been added.  Claims 1-51 and 54

are pending in the case.  Claims 1, 17, 18, 19, 20, 36, and 54 are independent claims.

### *Claim Objections*

9.      Claim 54 is objected to because of the following informalities: misspelled word(s) "coy".

Applicant is advised to replace word(s) with "coy" with "copy".  Appropriate correction is

required.

## *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101*

10.     Claim 54 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to

non-statutory subject matter. Claim 54 is drafted in such a way as to read on printed matter per

se. The "user interpretable functional links" do not impart any functionality to the "hard copy

document" because said "links" are merely "user interpretable". As is well known, any

document is "user interpretable". The claim reads directly on footnotes in a generic hardcopy

document, which constitutes a non-functional descriptive data per se.

## *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

11.     The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in
> section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are
> such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person
> having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the
> manner in which the invention was made.

12.     **Claims 1-2, 8-10, 12-13, 17-21, 27-29, 31-32, 36-37, 43-45, 47-48, and 54 are rejected**

**under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoda (EP 0775962 A2 – published on**

**05/1997).**

**Regarding independent claims 1, 20, and 36**, Yoda discloses:

A method of creating a document suitable for hard copy reproduction (Yoda on col. 1, lines 1-6:

teaches printing information of a digital document such as a hypermedia document, or the like),

said method comprising the steps of:

        (a) receiving information from at least one electronic source document, said information

including a plurality of  referential links establishing corresponding referential paths between

components of said information (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 6, lines 24-40: teaches

reception of a first document information; link information extraction unit analyzes first

document information, extracts, as link information, the name of another document information

to which first document information is linked);

(b) defining a physical structure of said document suitable for hard copy reproduction and

sufficient to reproduce said information (Yoda on col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches

designating a base document information and a series of document information to which the base

document information is linked are printed);

(c) defining a plurality of document links associated with said physical structure and

corresponding to said links (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4:

teaches a base document and a series of documents that are linked to the based document can be

inserted with pages numbers upon printing);

(d) assigning a user interpretable functional link to each said document link; and (e)

optimizing a number of said user interpretable functional links by assigning plural ones of said

document links to at least an individual one of said functional links (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48

and col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches link information extracted from the received

document as a base document can determine other documents that is linked to; generating page

numbers (user interpretable functional link) on the base document and on each linked document

when printing).

Yoda does disclose "functional links" on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 7, lines 23-30:

teaches generating new page number on the basis of the page number of the previously printed

document information upon printing document information, in other words, printing page

numbers for each linked document can determine the sequence of the printed linked documents.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have modified Yoda to provide a way to generate page numbers

incorporated into each printed linked document to indicate the sequence of linked documents in

order to print a hypermedia document in a format that a user can easily use.

**Regarding dependent claims 2, 21, and 37,** Yoda discloses:

wherein said physical structure comprises at least one single page and said functional

links comprise at least one indicia printable onto said single page, and step (e) comprises

merging plural ones of said document links to form a single said indicia associated with a

component on said page (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48: teaches pages numbers (indicia) printed on

each document (printable page); on col. 10, lines 32-55: teaches table of contents as the base

document linked to other documents).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have modified Yoda to provide a way to generate page numbers

incorporated into each printed linked document to indicate the sequence of linked documents in

order to print a hypermedia document in a format that a user can easily use.

**Regarding dependent claims 8, 27, and 43,** Yoda discloses:

defining content specific document links and incorporating corresponding functional

links into said document (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48: teaches extracting link information from

received document; inserting page numbers (functional links) upon printing the document and

associated linked documents).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Yoda to provide a way to generate page numbers incorporated into each printed linked document to indicate the sequence of linked documents in order to print a hypermedia document in a format that a user can easily use.

**Regarding dependent claims 9, 28, and 44**, Yoda discloses:

wherein said content specific document links are user defined (Yoda on col. 10, line 32-col. 11, line 4: teaches users designate the base document and a series of documents is linked to the based document for printing).

**Regarding dependent claims 10, 29, and 45**, Yoda discloses:

associating a predetermined stylistic layout with said optimized functional links so as to vary a hardcopy reproduction of said document (Yoda on col. 10, line 32- col. 11, line 4, see figure 8: teaches a layout of how the documents are going to be printed in a sequence pattern).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Yoda to provide a way to generate page numbers incorporated into each printed linked document to indicate the sequence of linked documents in order to print a hypermedia document in a format that a user can easily use.

**Regarding dependent claims 12, 31, and 47**, Yoda discloses:

wherein step (e) comprises grouping said document links according to predetermined criteria associated with said document links, each said group having associated therewith at least one corresponding optimized functional link (Yoda on col. 10, lines 32-55: teaches the table of contents as the base document contains a plurality of link information that corresponds to other

documents; col. 10, line 56- col. 11, line 4: teaches documents linked to the base document are

printed; on col. 8, lines 50-58: teaches assigns page numbers to linked documents).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have modified Yoda to provide a way to generate page numbers

incorporated into each printed linked document to indicate the sequence of linked documents in

order to print a hypermedia document in a format that a user can easily use.

**Regarding dependent claims 13, 32, and 48**, Yoda discloses:

importing said information into said structure to form said document; and (eb) applying

said optimized links to said document (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48: teaches assigning page

numbers (optimized links) to each printing linked document).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have modified Yoda to provide a way to generate page numbers

incorporated into each printed linked document to indicate the sequence of linked documents in

order to print a hypermedia document in a format that a user can easily use.

**Regarding independent claim 17**, Yoda discloses:

An authoring system for the creation of a linear document having non-linear referential links

(Yoda on col. 1, lines 37-42: teaches printing a hypermedia document is a conversion from non-

linear information to linear information), said system including:

means for specifying a linear document structure and the hyperlinks of a hypermedia

source document (Yoda on col. 1, lines 37-42 and col. 5, lines 33-48: teaches linear document

are managed by a sequence of page numbers; inserting page numbers to a hypermedia document

by extracting link information corresponding to other linked documents);

means associating said hyperlinks with physical links able to be formed in pages of said linear document (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches a base document and a series of documents (hyperlinked documents) that are linked to the based document can be inserted with pages numbers (physical links) upon printing);

means for modelling each said physical link using a one-dimensional vector; means optimizing an assignment of said physical links to one or more of said hyperlinks (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches link information (hyperlink) extracted from the received document as a base document can determine other documents that is linked to; generating page numbers (physical link) on the base document and on each linked document when printing).

Yoda does disclose "physical links" on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 7, lines 23-30: teaches generating new page number on the basis of the page number of the previously printed document information upon printing document information, in other words, printing page numbers for each linked document can determine the sequence of the printed linked documents.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Yoda to provide a way to generate page numbers incorporated into each printed linked document to indicate the sequence of linked documents in order to print a hypermedia document in a format that a user can easily use.

**Regarding independent claim 18**, Yoda discloses:

An authoring system for the creation of a linear document having non-linear referential links (Yoda on col. 1, lines 37-42: teaches printing a hypermedia document is a conversion from non-linear information to linear information), said system comprising:

means for assessing hyperlinks within a source hypermedia document to which a linear

document structure is to be applied (Yoda on col. 1, lines 37-42 and col. 5, lines 33-48: teaches

analyzing document to extract link information, name of another document that is linked to

(accessing hyperlinks); linear document are managed by a sequence of page numbers; inserting

page numbers to a hypermedia document by extracting link information corresponding to other

linked documents);

means associating said hyperlinks with physical links able to be formed in pages of said

linear document (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches a base

document  and a series of documents (hyperlinked documents) that are linked to the based

document can be inserted with pages numbers (physical links) upon printing);

means for modelling each said physical link using a one-dimensional vector; means for

optimizing an assignment of said physical links to one or more of said hyperlinks (Yoda on col.

5, lines 33-48 and col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches link information (hyperlink) extracted

from the received document as a base document can determine other documents that is linked to;

generating page numbers (physical link) on the base document and on each linked document

when printing).

Yoda does disclose "physical links" on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 7, lines 23-30: teaches

generating new page number on the basis of the page number of the previously printed document

information upon printing document information, in other words, printing page numbers for each

linked document can determine the sequence of the printed linked documents.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have modified Yoda to provide a way to generate page numbers

incorporated into each printed linked document to indicate the sequence of linked documents in order to print a hypermedia document in a format that a user can easily use.

**Regarding independent claim 19**, Yoda discloses:

A system for the creation of a linear document having non-linear referential links (Yoda on col. 1, lines 37-42: teaches printing a hypermedia document is a conversion from non-linear information to linear information), said system comprising:

means for assessing hyperlinks within a source hypermedia document to which a linear document structure is to be applied (Yoda on col. 1, lines 37-42 and col. 5, lines 33-48: teaches analyzing document to extract link information, name of another document that is linked to (accessing hyperlinks); linear document are managed by a sequence of page numbers; inserting page numbers to a hypermedia document by extracting link information corresponding to other linked documents);

means associating said hyperlinks with physical links able to be formed in pages of said linear document (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches a base document and a series of documents (hyperlinked documents) that are linked to the based document can be inserted with pages numbers (physical links) upon printing);

means for modelling each said physical link using a one-dimensional vector; means for optimizing an assignment of said physical links to one or more of said hyperlinks (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches link information (hyperlink) extracted from the received document as a base document can determine other documents that is linked to; generating page numbers (physical link) on the base document and on each linked document when printing);

means for applying said linear document structure and said optimized physical links to

said hypermedia document to produce said linear document; and means for reproducing said

linear document (Yoda on col.1, lines 37-42: teaches linear document are managed by a

sequence of page numbers (physical links); printing a hypermedia document is a conversion

from non-linear information to linear information).

Yoda does disclose "physical links" on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 7, lines 23-30: teaches

generating new page number on the basis of the page number of the previously printed document

information upon printing document information, in other words, printing page numbers for each

linked document can determine the sequence of the printed linked documents.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have modified Yoda to provide a way to generate page numbers

incorporated into each printed linked document to indicate the sequence of linked documents in

order to print a hypermedia document in a format that a user can easily use.

**Regarding independent claim 54**, Yoda discloses:

A hard copy document comprising:

information received from at least one electronic source document, said source document

including a plurality of non-linear referential links establishing corresponding referential paths

between components of said information (Yoda on col. 1, lines 37-42, col. 5, lines 33-48 and

col. 6, lines 24-40: teaches reception of a first document information; link information extraction

unit analyzes first document information, extracts, as link information, the name of another

document information to which first document information is linked; a hypermedia document

containing links (referential links) can be converted from non-linear information to linear

information for printing); and

a number of user interpretable functional links formed in said hard copy document

and providing user interpretable functional paths spanning plural pages of said hard copy

document between corresponding components of said information, whereby at least one of said

functional links has a part that corresponding to plural ones of said non-linear referential links

(Yoda on col. 1, lines 37-42, col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches link

information extracted from the received document as a base document can determine other

documents that is linked to (non-linear referential links); generating page numbers (user

interpretable functional link) on the base document and on each linked document when printing).

Yoda does disclose "functional links" on col. 5, lines 33-48 and col. 7, lines 23-30:

teaches generating new page number on the basis of the page number of the previously printed

document information upon printing document information, in other words, printing page

numbers for each linked document can determine the sequence of the printed linked documents.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have modified Yoda to provide a way to generate page numbers

incorporated into each printed linked document to indicate the sequence of linked documents in

order to print a hypermedia document in a format that a user can easily use.

13.     **Claims 3-7, 11, 14-16, 22-26, 30, 33-35, 38-42, 46, and 49-51 are rejected under 35**

**U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoda, as applied to claims 1-2, 8-10, 12-13, 17-21,**

**27-29, 31-32, 36-37, 43-45, 47-48, and 54 above, and in further view of Hube (USPN**

**5,337,161- issued on 08/1994).**

**Regarding dependent claims 3, 22, and 38**, Yoda discloses the invention substantially as

claimed as described *supra*. However, Yoda does not explicitly disclose "at least one cut-out tab

formed in at least one of said pages".

Hube on col. 7, lines 5-12 and col. 8, lines 47-55, see figure 17: teaches creating a print

job such as a hard copy document having tab images to be placed on a designated position on the

document for printing.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have modified Hube into Yoda to provide a way to create and print tabs

on a designated position on the printed document incorporated into the printed page numbers on

the printed hypermedia document in order to increase the flexibility and efficiency in making

tabs and wherein the print job can be re-ordered easily.

**Regarding dependent claims 4, 23, and 39**, Hube discloses:

wherein at least one said cut-out tab is formed as part of a nest of correspondingly located

tabs associated with plural ones of said pages (Hube on col. 2, lines 13-27, col. 7, lines 5-12 and

col. 8, lines 47-55, see figure 17: teaches output position of a tab is determined base on the other

tab images inserted in the other documents to be printed).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have modified Hube into Yoda to provide a way to create and print tabs

on a designated position on the printed document incorporated into the printed page numbers on

the printed hypermedia document in order to increase the flexibility and efficiency in making

tabs and wherein the print job can be re-ordered easily.

**Regarding dependent claims 5, 24, and 40**, Yoda discloses:

retaining structure definitions of said document in a template for formatting at least one

subsequent document in a corresponding fashion (Yoda on col. 6, lines 24040: teaches the

document is in HTML format and wherein the link information is extracted to identify other

documents).

**Regarding dependent claims 6, 25, and 41**, Yoda discloses:

defining a presentational style to said document and applying said presentational style to

said functional links to distinguish said functional links from said components (Yoda on col. 10,

line 32- col. 11, line 4: teaches how the plurality of documents are linked together and how will

they be printed; on col. 5, lines 33-48: teaches each linked document will have an inserted page

number (functional links) upon printing).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have modified Yoda to provide a way to generate page numbers

incorporated into each printed linked document to indicate the sequence of linked documents in

order to print a hypermedia document in a format that a user can easily use.

**Regarding dependent claims 7, 26, and 42**, Yoda discloses:

retaining said presentational style of said document in a template for formatting at least

one subsequent document with said presentational style (Yoda on col. 10, line 32- col. 11, line 4:

teaches print unit reads out the contents of the information print history and writes the read out

contents in the print buffer as a list for printing).

**Regarding dependent claims 11, 30, and 46**, Hube discloses:

wherein said predetermined stylistic layout implements the formation of cut-out tabs as at least some of said optimized functional links (Yoda on col. 5, lines 33-48: teaches each linked document will have an inserted page number (functional links) upon printing) and (Hube discloses "cut-out tabs" on col. 7, lines 5-12 and col. 8, lines 47-55, see figure 17: teaches creating a print job such as a hard copy document having tab images to be placed on a designated position on the document for printing).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hube into Yoda to provide a way to create and print tabs on a designated position on the printed document incorporated into the printed page numbers on the printed hypermedia document in order to increase the flexibility and efficiency in making tabs and wherein the print job can be re-ordered easily.

**Regarding dependent claims 14, 33, and 49**, Hube discloses:

(ec) identifying those of said document links that either (i) start or (ii) end on respective common pages of said document; (ed) for each said common page, grouping together corresponding document links identified at step (ec); and (ee) providing a cut-out tab functional link corresponding to each said group of document links (Yoda on col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches designating a base document and a series of document to which the base document is linked to) and (Hube discloses "providing a cut-out tab" on col. 7, lines 5-12 and col. 8, lines 47-55, see figure 17: teaches creating a print job such as a hard copy document having tab images to be placed on a designated position on the document for printing).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hube into Yoda to provide a way to create and print tabs on a designated position on the printed document incorporated into the printed page numbers on the printed hypermedia document in order to increase the flexibility and efficiency in making tabs and wherein the print job can be re-ordered easily.

**Regarding dependent claims 15, 34, and 50**, Hube discloses:

limiting each of said groups to plural document links to those that either (i) end on different ones of said pages or (ii) start on different ones of said pages, as the case may be, and step (ee) comprises providing a set of nested cut-out tab functional links, each member of said set corresponding to one said document link of the corresponding said group (Yoda on col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches the user can designate a base document as a start page for printing) and (Hube discloses "set of nested cut-out tab" on col. 2, lines 13-27, col. 7, lines 5-12 and col. 8, lines 47-55, see figure 17: teaches output position of a tab is determined base on the other tab images inserted in the other documents to be printed).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hube into Yoda to provide a way to create and print tabs on a designated position on the printed document incorporated into the printed page numbers on the printed hypermedia document in order to increase the flexibility and efficiency in making tabs and wherein the print job can be re-ordered easily.

**Regarding dependent claims 16, 35, and 51**, Yoda discloses:

wherein said groups are formed based upon a determinable relationship between corresponding said components of information (Yoda on col. 10, line 32 – col. 11, line 4: teaches

a table of contents (group of link information) can be used to determine its linked document

(relationship to each other by link information).

## *Response to Arguments*

14.     Regarding Applicant's arguments filed on 3/26/03 are moot in view of the new ground(s)

of rejection.

Regarding Applicant's remarks on pages 12-20:

The rejection of claims 1-53 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bricklin

and Kulkarni as been withdrawn in light of newly found art.

Yoda discloses printing of a hypermedia document by the conversion from non-linear

information to linear information of a sequence pages using page numbers (on col. 1, lines 37-

42).

Hube discloses "cut-out tabs" used to facilitate the sequence of printed documents; on

col. 7, lines 5-12 and col. 8, lines 47-55, see figure 17: teaches creating a print job such as a hard

copy document having tab images to be placed on a designated position on the document for
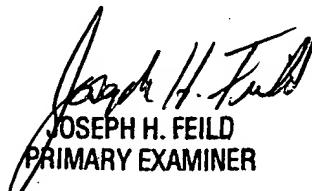
printing.

## *Conclusion*

15.    Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Almari Romero whose telephone number is (703) 305-5945. The

examiner can normally be reached on Mondays - Fridays (7:30am - 4:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on (703) 308-5186. The fax phone numbers for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 746-7239 for regular

communications and (703) 746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding

should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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